

**Subject:** Re: Scheduling Updates for your review  
**Date:** Wed, 28 Oct 2020 21:06:54 -0400  
**From:** Rob Borden - AC <robert.borden@gsa.gov>  
**To:** Alexandra Barrett - AC <alexandra.barrett@gsa.gov>  
**Cc:** Maddy McCaslin - AC <madeline.mccaslin@gsa.gov>  
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Sorry to be getting to this so late -

Meeting with Monica: (b) (5)

Dave Barrum: scheduled for this Friday at 1:00pm EDT/10:00am PDT.

COE Interview: (b) (5)

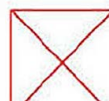
OSC Branding Meeting: (b) (5)

Federal Council on the Arts and Humanities Meeting: will be held on Dec. 14 from 2:00-4:30pm

PBS Due Out: Meeting on Customer Service Elements for Performance Plans (with OCE).

SSGB Letter to OMB: (b) (5)

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Alexandra Petrucci Barrett

Special Assistant to the Administrator

Chief Scheduler (b) (6) (desk)

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[alexandra.petrucci@gsa.gov](mailto:alexandra.petrucci@gsa.gov)

**Subject:** Re: Statement  
**Date:** Tue, 10 Nov 2020 16:02:27 -0500  
**From:** Rob Borden - AC <robert.borden@gsa.gov>  
**To:** Isadora Yoffie - M1Y <isadora.yoffie@gsa.gov>  
**Cc:** Mary Gibert - AK <mary.gibert@gsa.gov>  
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Thanks - Rob

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Robert Borden

On Mon, Nov 9, 2020 at 5:10 PM Isadora Yoffie - M1Y <[isadora.yoffie@gsa.gov](mailto:isadora.yoffie@gsa.gov)> wrote:

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On Mon, Nov 9, 2020 at 2:31 PM Isadora Yoffie - M1Y <[isadora.yoffie@gsa.gov](mailto:isadora.yoffie@gsa.gov)> wrote:

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Dorsy

On Mon, Nov 9, 2020 at 2:21 PM Jeff Post - S <[jeffrey.post@gsa.gov](mailto:jeffrey.post@gsa.gov)> wrote:

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On Mon, Nov 9, 2020 at 1:38 PM Pamela Pennington - ZM <[pamela.pennington@gsa.gov](mailto:pamela.pennington@gsa.gov)> wrote:

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Latest Statement, attributable to a GSA Spokesperson: There are no updates at this time and

GSA's position remains the same. An ascertainment has not yet been made. GSA and its

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Administrator will continue to abide by, and fulfill, all requirements under the law and adhere to

prior precedent established by the Clinton Administration in 2000.

GSA Initial Statement, attributable to a GSA Spokesperson:

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the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 (PTA), as amended, and consistent with precedent

established by the Clinton Administration in 2000, the GSA Administrator ascertains the

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(e.g., office space, computers, background investigations for security clearances). GSA has met

all statutory requirements under the PTA for this election cycle and will continue to do so.

**Pamela Pennington**

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Press Secretary  
Deputy Associate Administrator for Media Affairs  
Office of Strategic Communication  
U.S. General Services Administration  
[pamela.pennington@gsa.gov](mailto:pamela.pennington@gsa.gov)

On Mon, Nov 9, 2020 at 1:36 PM Isadora Yoffie - M1Y <[isadora.yoffie@gsa.gov](mailto:isadora.yoffie@gsa.gov)> wrote:

Thanks Pam.

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On Mon, Nov 9, 2020 at 1:17 PM Pamela Pennington - ZM <[pamela.pennington@gsa.gov](mailto:pamela.pennington@gsa.gov)> wrote:

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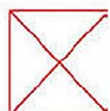
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**Jeffrey A. Post**

Associate Administrator

Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs

U.S. General Services Administration

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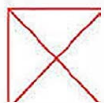
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**Subject:** PTA question  
**Date:** Mon, 9 Nov 2020 18:17:06 -0500  
**From:** Rob Borden - AC <robert.borden@gsa.gov>  
**To:** Jeff Post - S <jeffrey.post@gsa.gov>, Pam Dixon - ZM <pamela.pennington@gsa.gov>  
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Rob



Robert Borden

Chief of Staff

U.S. General Services Administration

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**Subject:** Re: PTT Apportionment Question  
**Date:** Thu, 5 Nov 2020 10:56:15 -0500  
**From:** Rob Borden - AC <robert.borden@gsa.gov>  
**To:** Mehul Parekh - BB <mehul.parekh@gsa.gov>  
**Cc:** Brian Block - BB <brian.block@gsa.gov>, Gerard Badorrek - B <gerard.badorrek@gsa.gov>  
**Message-ID:** <CAE4i-7bgMeYVhSy0=5J6s4QZAr4uETe4M907kmnA1dWi4-BVqA@mail.gmail.com>  
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Thanks, Mehul. I'd be happy to add it to the discussion list for Emily [REDACTED] Is there any information beyond what is included in this email that Emily should be prepared with?

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Rob

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Robert Borden

On Thu, Nov 5, 2020 at 10:17 AM Mehul Parekh - BB <[mehul.parekh@gsa.gov](mailto:mehul.parekh@gsa.gov)> wrote:

Good Morning Rob,

(b) (5) [REDACTED]

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Please let us know if you would like to discuss this further.

The language for the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 can be found here in the notes section:

<https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/3/102>

Mehul

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Mehul Parekh  
Director of Budget  
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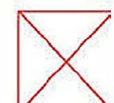
**Subject:** GSA Administrator security concerns  
**Date:** Tue, 10 Nov 2020 20:35:13 -0500  
**From:** Rob Borden - AC <robert.borden@gsa.gov>  
**To:** "Nevins, Kristan K. EOP/WHO" <(b) (6)>  
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Rob --



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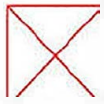
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**Subject:** Emily's email  
**Date:** Sun, 8 Nov 2020 21:19:52 -0500  
**From:** Rob Borden - AC <robert.borden@gsa.gov>  
**To:** Alexandra Petrucci - AC <alexandra.barrett@gsa.gov>, Maddy McCaslin - AC <madeline.mccaslin@gsa.gov>, Robert Carter - D <bobby.carter@gsa.gov>  
**Cc:** LaFondra Barlow - AC <lafondra.barlow@gsa.gov>  
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Alex/Maddy,

Emily is beginning to get 'fan' emails in regards to ascertainment. (b) (5), (b) (7)(A)

Thanks - Rob --



Robert Borden

Chief of Staff

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**Subject:** Additional Security Service Request  
**Date:** Thu, 12 Nov 2020 20:07:21 -0500  
**From:** Rob Borden - AC <robert.borden@gsa.gov>  
**To:** "Corrado, Janene" <(b) (6)@hq.dhs.gov>, "Beasley, Jennifer" <(b) (6)@tps.dhs.gov>  
**Cc:** Robert Carter - D <robert.carter@gsa.gov>, Allison Brigati - AD <allison.brigati@gsa.gov>  
**Message-ID:** <CAE4i-7bnJ7bfjOwBeQNz46XWD9N3gTY0d7CjvdSbJTbjWwKzYw@mail.gmail.com>  
**MD5:** 444d9a29d37286f2d31d50273e971411  
**Attachments:** Protective Service FPS Memo w PJM comments 11.12.2020.docx

Janene,

Please see the attached memo from Deputy Administrator Brigati requesting additional security for Administrator Murphy.

Rob

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Robert Borden





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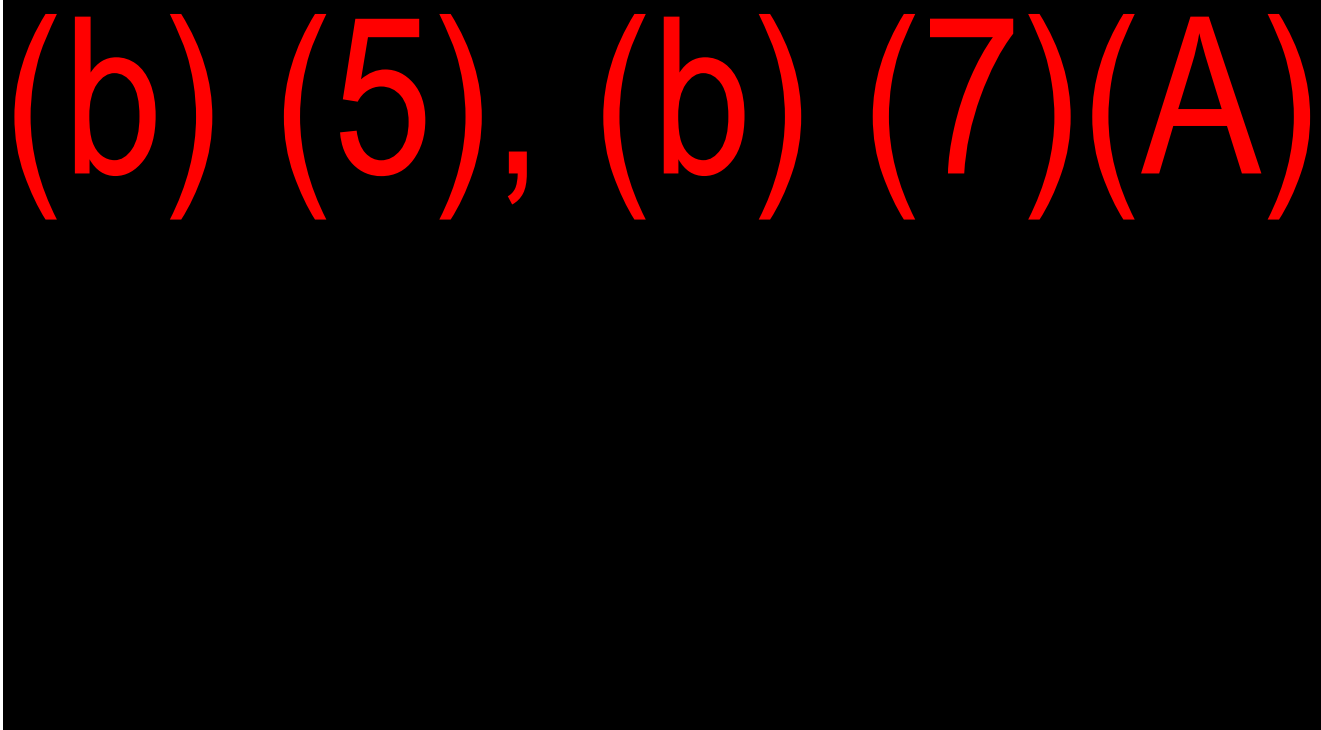
November 12, 2020

MEMORANDUM FOR      The Honorable Chad Wolf  
Acting Secretary of Homeland Security

FROM:                      Allison Brigati  
Deputy Administrator  
General Services Administration

SUBJECT:                 Above Standard Protection Services

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Allison Brigati at [Allison.Brigati@GSA.GOV](mailto:Allison.Brigati@GSA.GOV) or (b) (6)

1800 F Street, NW  
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Subject: Fwd: Letter to GSA Administrator  
Date: Thu, 12 Nov 2020 15:07:31 -0500  
From: Rob Borden - AC <robert.borden@gsa.gov>  
To: Jeff Post - S <jeffrey.post@gsa.gov>, Pam Dixon - ZM <pamela.pennington@gsa.gov>  
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Attachments: Letter from Biden-Harris Transition to Administrator Murphy (11-12-2020).pdf

FYI

Robert Borden

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Cc: Mary Gibert - AK <[mary.gibert@gsa.gov](mailto:mary.gibert@gsa.gov)>

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Date: Thu, Nov 12, 2020 at 3:02 PM

Subject: Letter to GSA Administrator

To: Mary Gilbert <[mary.gibert@gsa.gov](mailto:mary.gibert@gsa.gov)>

Mary,

I hope you're well. On behalf of the Biden-Harris Transition, please direct the attached letter to GSA Administrator Murphy.

Thank you,

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# BIDEN-HARRIS TRANSITION

November 12, 2020

The Honorable Emily W. Murphy  
Administrator, General Services Administration  
1800 F Street NW  
Washington, DC 20405

Dear Administrator Murphy:

As members of our team communicated yesterday to the GSA Federal Transition Coordinator, your decision to not “ascertain” that President-Elect Joe Biden and Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris are the apparent successful candidates in the 2020 presidential election is an abrogation of your responsibility under the Presidential Transition Act, 3 U.S.C. § 102 note, and relevant precedent and practice. Each day that you fail to discharge your legal duty to make the required ascertainment significantly disrupts the ability of the American people to have the most effective and successful transition possible particularly in the middle of a public health emergency and the associated serious economic and social challenges.

Moreover, contrary to your spokesperson’s recent comment, there is no logical parallel to the genuinely contestable nature of the 2000 election, as has been widely recognized including by President George W. Bush’s White House Chief of Staff. That election came down to the outcome of a single critical state, Florida, which underwent a mandatory recount and resulted in a 537-vote margin. By contrast, President-Elect Biden and Vice President-Elect Harris have earned well over the 270 electoral votes required for victory, and their margins of victory in the states so far “called” are in the tens or hundreds of thousands. In addition, during the bulk of the Florida recount no major news network had declared either candidate the winner of the election. Here, every major network has recognized that President-Elect Biden and Vice President-Elect Harris won the general election.

We expect that you, as GSA Administrator, will ascertain that President-Elect Biden and Vice President-Elect Harris are the apparent winners of the November general election, as required by law.

Sincerely,

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Co-Chair, Biden-Harris Transition Team

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Jeffrey Zients

Co-Chair, Biden-Harris Transition Team